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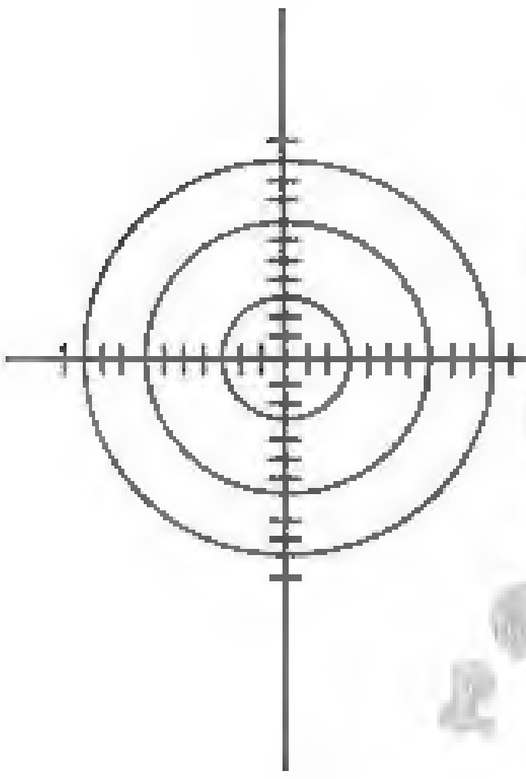

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BATTLE ROYALE

In the near future, a random class of 9th graders has been kidnapped, marooned on an island, and forced to compete on The Program, a popular reality show that requires its contestants to battle to the death.

Shuuya Nanahara, Noriko Nakagawa, and transfer student Shogo Kawada have agreed not to play the game. However, their fragile alliance has become even more tenuous since Shogo revealed that he actually played--and won--last season's deadly game.

Meanwhile, Yutaka Sato, the boy who could never catch a break, believed his luck was changing when he teamed up with basketball star Shinji Mimura. Unfortunately, Shinji's attempt to hack into The Program's mainframe was shut down, leaving the two boys back where they started.

Finally, martial artist Hiroki Sugimura has been searching for Takako Chigusa, but the crazed Kazushi Niida found her first. Niida drew first blood, but Takako swore not go down without a fight...

... KILL YOU, BITCH!!

CHAPTER 25: Honor

NGH!

SLAM

!!

DEAD MEAT!

SLAM

SLAM

SHIT!
SHIT!
DAMN!

DAMN
!!

WHUGH !

!

KUFF KUFF ...

KUFF-KU!

HGH...

KAFF KAFFAK!

KAFF KAFFAK...

!!

PANTY RAID!

UH- HUH... UH- HUH...

H- HOH!

NO ...

NOT ME...

I'LL DIE FIRST!

!!

HEY NOW!

GOT US A PIECE'A BIG MOUTH BITCH!

NOW WHAT DO YOU FIGURE THAT BIG OL' MOUTH'D BE GOOD FOR?

AIN'T THIS SOME-THING!

LOOK WHAT WE GOT HERE! GOT US A PIECE!

YOU'LL HAVE TO KILL ME! YOU HEAR ME?!

GETTING OFF ON IT, YOU TWISTED FUCK?!

HAVING FUN?

I'D RATHER DIE THAN... THAN...

YOU'LL HAVE TO KILL ME FIRST!

!?

THINK YOU CAN DO THAT, BIG MAN?!

TSK ...

!!

YOU STILL DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?

SAY IT.

GASP!

TELL ME YOU WANT IT!

TELL ME YOU WANT IT!

TELL ME YOU WANT IT!

TELL ME YOU WANT IT!

TELL ME YOU WANT IT!

TELL ME YOU WANT IT!

TELL ME YOU WANT IT!

OH?

WANN.D ...

I WANT IT! I WANT IT! STOP!

STOP HITTING ME! I WANT IT!!

WASN'T SO HARD AT ALL...

THERE NOW... THAT WASN'T SO HARD.

.....

COLD AS A MACHINE, THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY. LET'S SEE IF I CAN'T WARM YOU UP...

AROUND SCHOOL KNOW WHAT THEY CALL YOU?

SOBO-

GOOCHIE ...

GOOCHIE ...

NOT SO HIGH TONE NOW, ARE YOU? ♡

GOO-OOO...

BIG MOUTH BITCH...

STOKE THE FURNACE 'N' YOU'RE BEGGIN' FOR IT.

YOU COLD BITCHES'RE ALL THE SAME...

YOU LIKE THAT? SURE YOU DO...

WHAT? NOTHING TO SAY?

ROBO-BITCH...

NOT SO FUCKING HIGH TONE NOW!!

THAT'S THE PERIOD!

!

WELL DONE, LADIES. DISMISSED!

!

!

CHECK WHAT OUT?

OH?

WE'VE GOT TO CHECK IT OUT AFTER CLASS!

WAY COOL!

... SWEARS BY IT. SHE SAYS THE PASTRIES ARE TO DIE FOR!

JUST . GIRLIE STUFF ...

YEH ...

YOU... AH... YOU WOULDN'T BE INTER-ESTED.

AH... TAKAKO ...

YEH... LATER... BYE.

WE'LL... CATCH YOU LATER, OKAY?

.....

I KNOW! I KNOW!

!

IT'S LIKE SHE ...

.....

EVER TRY TALKING TO HER? ZERO RESPONSE. I MEAN... ZE-RO.

LIKE WE'RE IMPOSITIONS, Y'KNOW?

ALL QUEENIE LIKE THAT.

YEAH! THAT'S IT!

...LIKE SHE'S SO MUCH BETTER THAN US!

HUH!

ピーン!!

!!

陸上大会

I'VE GOT TO START MAKING MORE NOISE. SPARE MYSELF THESE INCIDENTS.

MAN...

.....

SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW...

♡

Hi, TAKAKO... WE GOTTA..

UM ...

.....

TELL *THEM* THAT!

THEY CAN'T JUST GO AROUND--

I MEAN ...

YOU SHOULD HAVE CALLED THEM ON IT!

THEY ACTUALLY SAID THAT?

!

GOO! THEY MAKE ME SO MAD!

HOW'M I...

WHAT'D I DO?

HUH?

THE "SUGI TAP." AT A LOSS FOR WORDS AGAIN?

THERE IT IS AGAIN!

.....

:

!

SORRY.. BAD MOOD.

....

THE SUGI TAP... PATENT PENDING...

BEEN DOING IT SINCE KINDER-GARTEN.

!!

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY, YOU TAP YOUR NOSE.

THAT HARD TO GET TO KNOW?

SUGI? AM I...REALLY THAT... UPTIGHT?

WHERE DID THAT COME FROM? DAMMIT, SUGIMURA!

WHAT ?!

!

YOU'RE... YOU'RE WORTH THE EFFORT.

HII!!!

:

UM

C'MON, SUSI GIVE ME A BREAK

TAKA! HELLO!

HELLO

FINE BUT HANAKO KNOWS, DON'T YOU, BOY?

110

110?

...

WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER TOO LONG

DON'T GO GETTING ALL WEIRD ON ME

SO DON'T GO GETTING ANY IDEAS ABOUT YOU KNOW!

HH! HH! HH...

...YOU'D NEVER PASS BY WITHOUT STOPPING TO PET HIM.

I'M JUST SAYING EVER SINCE HANAKO WAS A PUPPY

ALWAYS SO GENTLE... SO KIND...

ハナコ

AN ACT OF KINDNESS IS AN ACT OF KINDNESS.

PERSON... DOG...

.....

HFF ...

HFF ...

...HE GIVES ME DOGS. THANKS A HEAP, SUGI.

I ASK HIM ABOUT PEOPLE...

GREAT ...

TAKA! HELLO!

OKAY... MAYBE SO...

HUH ...!

.....

THEY'VE GOT YOU ALL WRONG. I KNOW.

LOOK... WHAT I'M REALLY TRYING TO SAY...

YEAH.

THAT'S NOT A BAD THING TO HAVE. PRIDE.

YOU'VE GOT PRIDE. IN YOUR-SELF...

IN WHAT YOU DO.

... BUT THAT'S NEVER STOPPED YOU FROM TRYING TO EXCEED THEM. TO SOME, THAT CAN BE... INTIMIDATING.

.....

AS LONG AS THERE'S HONESTY...

AND I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE MORE HONEST THAN YOU. YOU KNOW YOUR LIMITATIONS...

IN A GOOD WAY

...NOW I'M INTIMIDATING!

GREAT.

INTIMIDATING! LIKE I NEEDED TO HEAR THAT!

I WAS BETTER OFF WITH YOU TAPPING YOUR NOSE!

YOU'RE TWISTING MY WORDS!

THAT'S NOT ...

I SHOULD KNOW BETTER BY NOW!

YOU'RE NEVER ANY HELP AT ALL!

WHY DO I BOTHER?

HUH?!

SOME PEOPLE JUST GIVE UP TOO EASILY

I WANT THAT TO

SOME PEOPLE... THEY WON'T GET IT...

I'M WORTH MORE THAN YOU'LL EVER BE...

SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET IT!

GET YOUR FILTHY, FUCKING HANDS...

MY EYE! SHIT! SHIT!!

THANK YOU, SUGI!!

ウェ!!

!!

I'LL SEE YOU DEAD FOR THIS! DEAD BY MY HAND!

INTIMI-DATING? OH, SUGI...

... OFF OF ME!!

... IF ONLY YOU KNEW!

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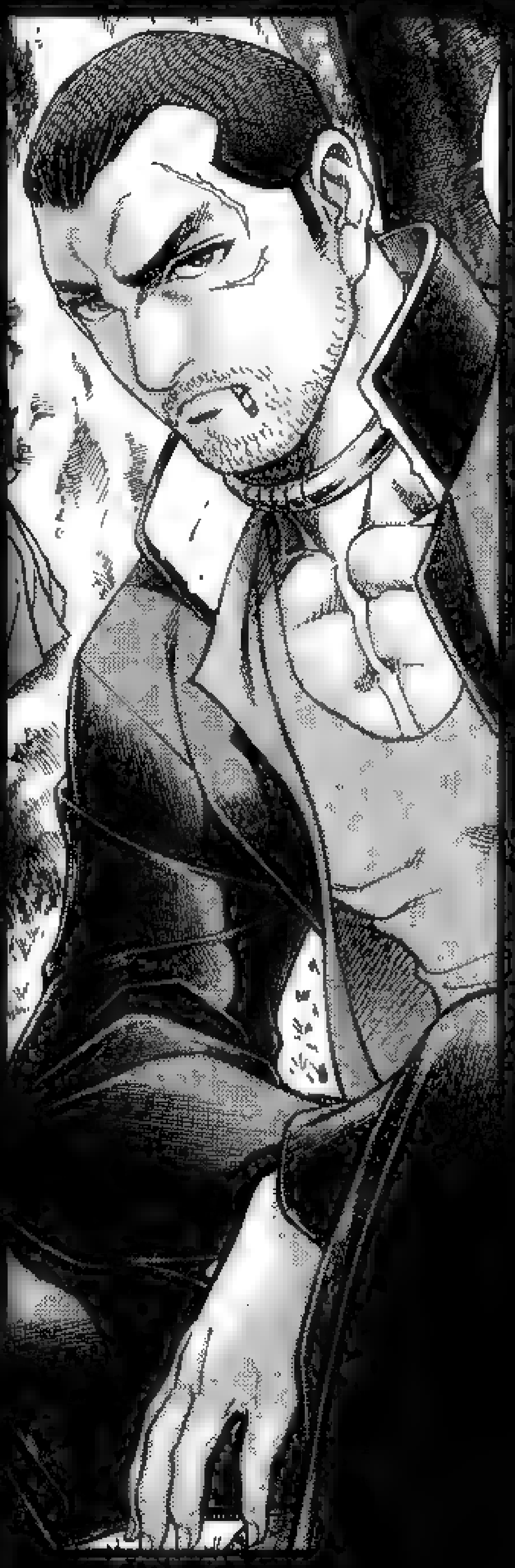


Shogo Kawada

HEIGHT: 183 cm (6 ft.)

WEIGHT: 84 kg (185 lb.)

EXTRA CURRICULAR: N/A

PRIMARY TALENTS: survival

PRIMARY WEAKNESS: intransigent nature

DESIGNATED WEAPON: Remington M32 shotgun

PERTINENT BACKGROUND: ref: The Program / 2005 season.

CONCLUSION(s): Subject must not be permitted a second victory.

BATTLE ROYALE

MY EYE-EEEE!!

YOU'RE WORTH THE EFFORT...

GIVE UP

TOO EASY

GIVE UP TOO EASY.

SOME PEOPLE JUST..

GLK...

!

HGH!
HGH!
HGH!
HGH!

FUCKING PERV BASTARD!!

... WORTH THE EFFORT...

CHAPTER 26: Bond

.....

!!

CRAWL IF YOU HAVE TO.

.....

STAY AND I KILL YOU.

YOUR CALL.

GO. BEFORE I CHANGE MY MIND.

DON'T EVEN THINK IT. I WILL KILL YOU.

HEH HEH HEH... PAST TIME TO GO, BITCH...

HEH ...

AH HA ...

!?

A- HEH ...

HEH HEH HEH HEH ...

WELL ...

WELL ...

BAD MOVE, ROBO-BITCH.

NOT SMART AT ALL...

YEAH ...

HMM ...

VERY GOOD ...

HEH HEH ...

DUMBASS BITCH!

SHOULDA KILLED ME WHILE YOU HAD THE CHANCE!

YOU HAD ME! HAD ME DEAD TO RIGHTS!

THINK YOU PUT A HURTIN' ON ME?

'CAUSE NOW... NOW WHO'S PACKING?

HUH?

THINK YOU CAN TAKE ME DOWN?!

WHO'S GOT THE GOODS, BITCH?

?

NOT A THREAT...A DEAD-ON PROMISE.

MOVE ON ME AND DIE.

.....

HOW MUCH MORE YOU UP FOR?

JUST... GO!

YOU'RE DOWN TO ONE EYE...AND ONE NUT.

FELT IT LET GO...LIKE STEPPING ON A GRAPE.

GUESS I'M GONNA HAVE TO FUCK YOU...

WITH THIS!

GUESS THERE'S A CHANGE OF PLAN...

MASHED MY NUTS GOOO...

YEAH ...

.....

GONNA PLAY PIN THE HURT ON THE BITCH! YEAH!!

PARTY'S JUST GETTING STARTED!

HEY! DON'T BE LIKE THAT!

!!

GONNA GETCHU! GONNA GETCHA, GETCHU!

NO- GH!

BITCH BOMB INCOMING !!

chak

NO! NOT HIM! NEVER HIM!

HGH!

!!

NOT SO FUCKING HIGH TONE...

EAT SHIT AND DIE, PERV!

HOW'S YOUR MEMORY, PERI?

HUH?

REMEMBER THIS LITTLE BEAUTY?

!

?!

JUST LIKE I REMEMBER IT AIN'T LOCO.

!!

POINTS FOR TRYING

ENDGAME, BEYOTCH!

NO!

A-HUH

A-HUH

START REALLY HURTING NOW...

RIGHT... START...

HE'LL... HE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO...

I CAN FIND HIM... SUGI...

.....

THAT COUNTS FOR SOME-THING...

I CAN STILL WALK...

...I KNOW HE WILL...

...HE'LL ...TAP HIS NOSE...

...BECAUSE... SOMETIMES... NO WORDS ARE NEEDED...

BUT HE WILL...

AND... AND IF HE DOESN'T...

HOW
NOON, LITTLE
WARRIORS,
AND TIME FOR
THE LATEST
UPDATE FROM
COMMAND
CENTRAL

HOW'S
BEEN BUSY,
BUSY, BUSY
AND I,
FOR ONE,
COULDN'T
BE
PROUD

CHAPTER 27: Respect and Affection

OKAY THEN... LET'S START WITH GIRLS SIX AND SEVEN...

...YUKIKO KITANO AND YUMIKO KUSAKA. TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!

HEARTLESS BASTARD!

.....

.....

MOVING ALONG...

... AND SWEET LITTLE YOSHINI YAHASI, GIRL TWENTY-ONE.

BOY NUMBER EIGHT, YOJI KURAMOTO ...

.....

TAK

TAKKA

YOU DON'T THINK THEY DID EACH OTHER?

HEY, MIM...

WEREN'T YOJI AND YOSHIMI GOING TOGETHER?

FORGET THEM. LISTEN FOR THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

WE SCREW THAT UP AND IT'S "ADIOS MUCHACHOS."

TAK-TAKKA

TAKKA-TAK

A SKANK AND A WANK...

I'M LISTENING.

OH... SURE.

HUH?

... SIXTEEN, KAZUSHI NIIDA. AND WRAPPING IT UP...

THE, ONCE-LOVELY OIKL NUMBER THIR--

TSK... SOMEONE GOT SLOPPY!

NOT DEAD?

WHAT?

IF IT'S NOT TOO MUCH TROUBLE, COULD ONE OF YOU SEE TO THAT?

TAKA! OVER HERE!

TAKA?

GO? WHERE AM I GOING?

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO GO?

DON'T GO.

!!

AYAKO

TAKAKO?

AYAKO? WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

STOP CRYING! I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE!

WHIMPER

YOU TOO? WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH--

WHINE

!!

HANAKO?

TELL THEM ...

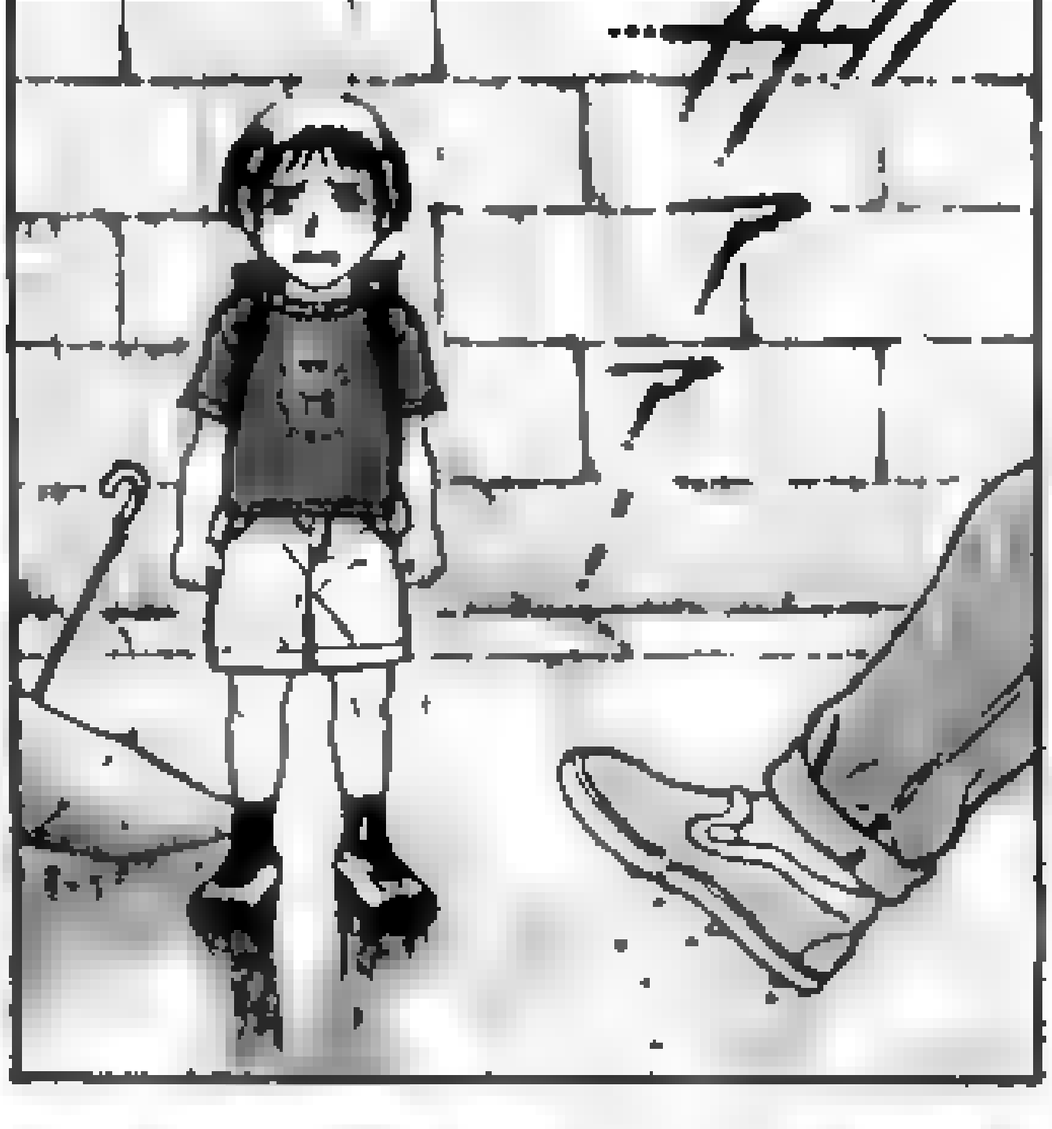
.....

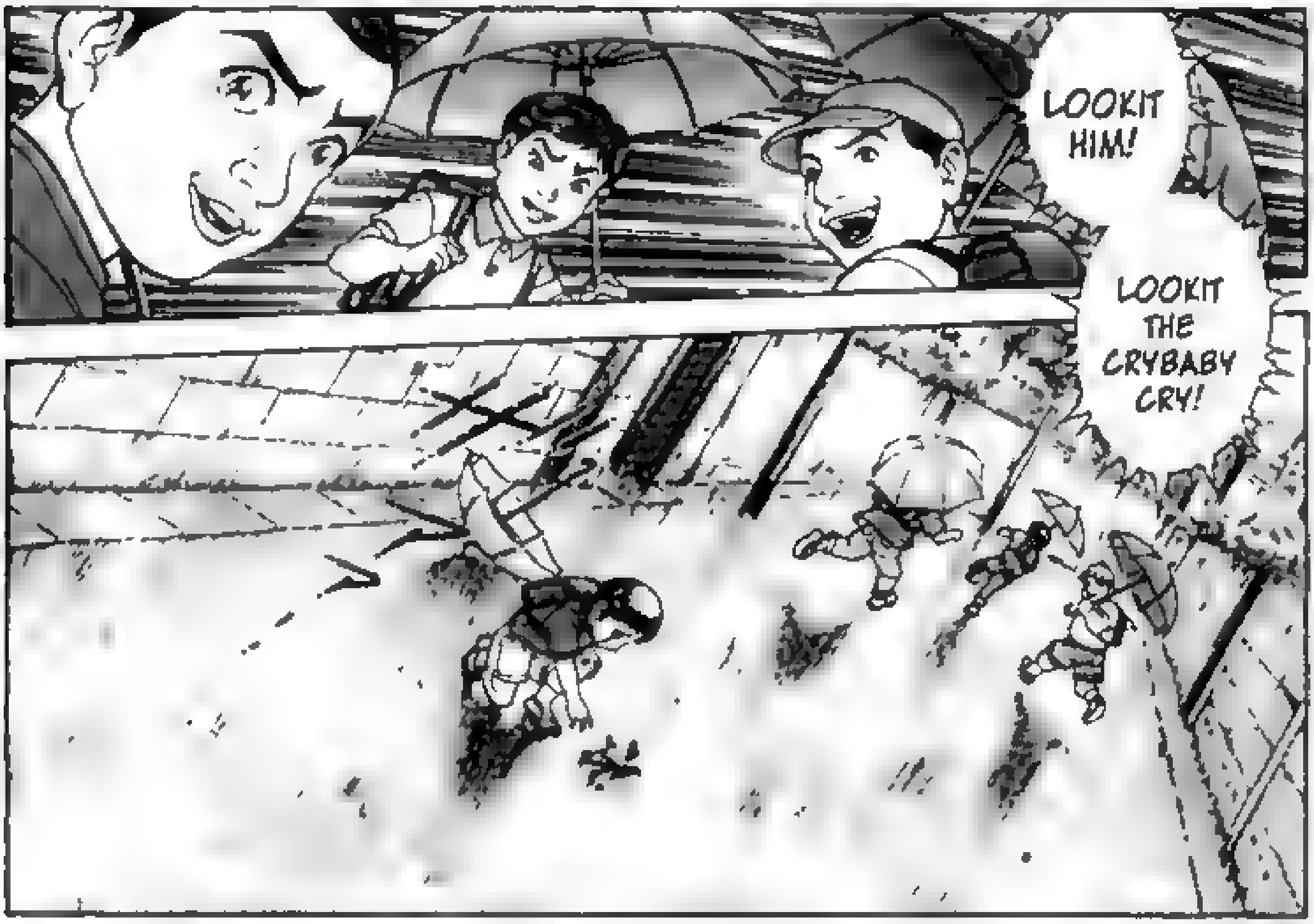
!!

MOM

DAD

TO CRY..




LOOKIT HIM!
LOOKIT THE CRYBABY CRY!

SUBIMURA!
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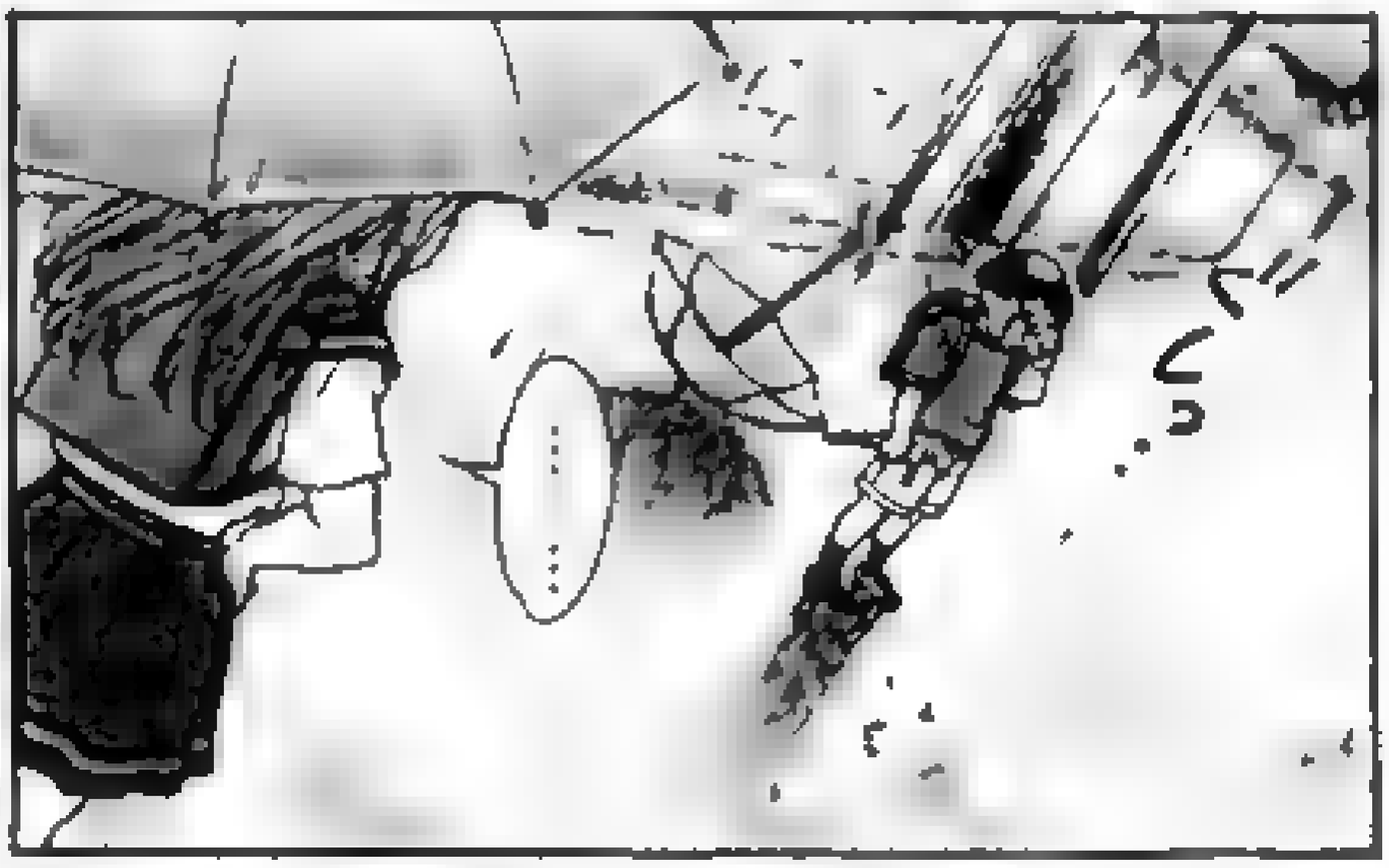

T-
TAKAKO
...

SHAME ON YOU FOR CRYING LIKE A BABY!

SHAME ON YOU!

YOU STOP THAT RIGHT NOW! BOYS DON'T CRY!

SUCH A CRY-BABY BACK THEN...

THANK GOD HE OUTGREW IT... NOW...

...MARTIAL ARTS... SOMETHING...

TAKAKO...

STILL... STILL TAPS HIS NOSE... SO... ANOYING ...

SUGI...

!

.....

TRY TO HOLD ON!

HOLD ON!

.....

NO, NO... OUTGREW CRYBABY...

'KAY ...

WAITED ...

!

NO, NO! NO, NO! YOU STAY WITH ME, DAMMIT!

SEE YOU AGAIN BEFORE... BEFORE... WHY IS EVERYONE CRYING?

WAITED FOR YOU...

NO ... NEVER LOSE TO... PERV...

SICK, LITTLE PERV

BITE TONGUE

.....

NIDA? WAS IT NIDA?

WHO DID THIS TO YOU?

SAW... JUST HER BACK...

SOUMA.. IT WAS SOUMA..

MITSUKO

HARDCORE SOUMA

SORRY ?

?

TAKAKO... I'M SO SORRY...

.....

... FOR THAT ONE...

YOU WATCH OUT FOR...

BACK AT THE SCHOOL... I HID... WAITED FOR YOU...

BUT AKANATSU ...

I WAS SO BUSY WATCHING HIM...

I MISSED YOU.

AND WHEN YOU TOOK OFF FULL TILT...I COULDN'T KEEP UP.

WHO COULD? I.. LOST YOU .

.....

I CAN'T FEEL MY LEGS...

HOLD ME? I CAN'T...

THAT'S NICE ...

YOU WERE LOOKING FOR ME...

YOU WERE...

THAT'S NICE...

.....

STAY

PLEASE STAY

!

SUBI ...

WAS I...

.....

FOR ME

YOU LOOKED FOR

WAS I EVER MORE...THAN A FRIEND TO YOU? COULD WE HAVE...BEEN MORE?

!

!

SUGI TAP...

TOO... INTIMIDATING FOR YOU, HUH?

.....

CLOSE MOUTH... GONNA DRAIN...DRAIN FLIES...

LUCKY GIRL...

BET SHE DOESN'T KNOW... THAT'D BE JUST...JUST LIKE YOU.

IS SHE IN THIS CLASS? AH...

WE NEVER...

I DON'T...

!!

AND HERE...YOU WASTE TIME WITH...KO... ROBO-BITCH...

YOU WERE NEVER A WASTE OF TIME! NEVER!

STOP THAT TALK!

.....

YOU WERE... YOU'RE MY ROCK!

.....

EVER SINCE WE WERE KIDS...YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THERE...

WHAT I AM I OWE TO YOU! WHO I AM!

ALWAYS MAKING ME WANT TO BE...BETTER SOMEHOW...

SO... FREIGHTS TO ME...

YOU'RE MY WIFE PEEN—

PEEN—

NO CRYING ALLOWED.

OUR DOG HAD PUPPIES. YOU WANT TO COME SEE?

THINK YOU CAN STOP CRYING LONG ENOUGH TO SEE THE PUPPIES?

SO ...

JUST WAIT AND SEE...

!

TAKAKO ...

I'M GONNA LEARN ALL THE MARTIAL ARTS. YEAH!

WHEN I GROW UP? I'M GONNA KNOW IT ALL!

.....

'KAY.

.....

PRECIOUS... FRIEND...

SO SWEET... TO SAY THAT...

WANT TO HEAR... SECRET? SPECIAL SECRET?

NO MORE CRYING. EVER AGAIN.

YOU WERE...
EVERYTHING
TO ME...
PRECIOUS...
FRIEND...

...TO ME...

!

...EVERYTHING

DON'T... DON'T DO THIS... TAKA? TAKA?

PLEASE

OKAY... WE'RE STILL GOOD HERE.

DOESN'T ANY OF THIS GET TO YOU?!

DAMMIT, KAWADA!

MORE PLAYING THAN YOU THOUGHT, EH? EITHER THAT OR...

SOME-ONE'S GOT AMBITION TO SPARE.

!

SO... SHUUYA... YOU HEARD?

ONLY IF I LET IT.

.....

ZUU.

NOT TOO COLD ...

!!

.....

TO

OH CRAP! KAWADA!

NORIKO ?

NORIKO?!

CHAPTER 28: Insanity

BATTLE ROYALE

NORIKO! WHAT...

SONUVA... SHE'S PUMPING HEAT LIKE A BLAST FURNACE!

NOT GOOD

HERE. LET ME...

.....

SHE'S BURNING UP!

THIS HELPS ... HOW?

TIC

TIC

KA-

OPEN FOR ME... THAT'S IT...

!!

.....

.....

"H'H'H'"

YOUR DAD... DOCTOR ...

THAT'S RIGHT ...

CHILLS .. YES

YOU FEEL COLD? ANY CHILLS?

DAD'S A DOC, REMEMBER? EAT.

.....

BUT ... NOT HUNGRY

HUH?

HERE. EAT THIS ALL OF IT.

THAT'S IT ..

EAT AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.

NO

KAY

I'LL TRY...

UH-HUH ...

I GET HEADACHES TOO.

AND THIS. ASPIRIN.

NEVER LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT.

AND WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, GIVE ME YOUR COAT.

GIVE THE ASPIRIN TIME.

SHE'S STILL AWFUL HOT.

OKAY...

EASE HER DOWN.

THAT'S IT. EASY.

SHH ...

TOO HOT FOR... COATS...

YEAH SURE ...

?

COULD JUST BE A BUG...

TILL WE KNOW WHAT WE'VE GOT HERE.

IT'LL CUT THE CHILLS. TILL WE...

Y'KNOW ...

SHE'S GOT A POINT--

AND THAT, MY FRIEND, IS A DEFINITE "NOT GOOD."

... THOSE ASPIRIN WON'T DO JACK SHIT.

COULD BE THAT LEG WOUND GOT INFECTED, AND IF THAT'S THE CASE...

!!

SO WE WAIT. AND HOPE FOR THE BEST.

TIME WILL TELL. IF IT'S INFECTED, WE'LL BE SMELLING IT SOON ENOUGH.

HOW CAN WE KNOW WHICH--

HOW CAN WE TELL...

DAMN ...

I'LL SAY IT AGAIN.

WE WAIT AND SEE...

THEN ACT APPRO-PRIATELY.

WELL? WELL?!

WATCH HER DIE?! LEAVE HER FOR ONE OF...OF THEM TO FIND?!

WHAT IF IT IS INFECTED? THEN WHAT?

IF WE NEED IT, WE GO. IF WE NEED IT.

THERE'S AN INFIRMARY... OKAY? IT'S MARKED ON THE MAP.

AHH... DEFINE "APPRO-PRIATELY."

I JUST NEED TO REST... JUST FOR A BIT...

I'LL BE FINE... HONEST.

IT'LL BE THERE...IF WE...IF WE NEED IT...

I'LL BE FINE... YOU'LL SEE.

SH-SHUUYA ?

WE SHOULD GO NOW!

!!

.....

.....

IF IT'S OUT THERE TO CATCH, I CATCH IT.

I'M ALWAYS CATCHING ..

SURE... JUST A BUG...

JUNYA...

BUT WE CAN DO IT, RIGHT? TOGETHER, RIGHT?

BIG TROUBLE HERE, JUNYA...

THE BIGGEST EVER, EVER!

NINTH GRADE/CLASS B - GIRL #20:

KAORI MINAMI

Can't let anything happen to my hottest fan!

You know it, Kaori!

THAT'S ME...

BESTEST FAN.

DRIP

NO POKING!

NO POKING!

NNYAH!!

SAID THE BAD WORDS... SORRY...

SORRY ...

HUH!

HUH ...

NO FUCKING POKING! GODDAMN IT!!

IF YOU POKE THEM IT GETS WORSE! PIZZA FACE WORSE!

BATH... I JUST NEED A BATH... THAT'S ALL...

WASH AWAY EXCESS OIL...

ACNE CREAM AND HOT COCOA AND JUNYA... BESTEST...

NO MORE PIZZA FACE...

NO MORE.....

PEEK

ズ"ズ"ズ"

OH!

D.D.

SHOT IT... SHOT...

JUNYA KENZAKI

JUNYA?

.....

!

!

DD-D-DD

IT WAS... IT WAS...

HAD TO... HAD TO...

SHOT IT...

KILL OR BE KILLED. SO I SHOT IT.

KILL...

THAT'S THE WAY TO PLAY, RIGHT?

SHOT THE KITTY..

THE KITTY...

IT WAS GONNA POKE ME! MAKE IT WORSE!

NO MORE...

NO MORE PIZZA FACE...

♡

POKE ...

POKE ...

POKITY-POKE...

KILL THEM FIRST, RIGHT?

KILL THEM ALL LIKE THE BAD POKING KITTY! RIGHT?!

♡

DO YOU...?

.....

I SAY WE GO... NOW.

WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES HERE.

WE GOTTA GET HER TO THAT INFIRMARY.

SHE'S NOT GETTING ANY BETTER.

SHE'LL JUST HAVE TO MANAGE TILL THEN.

THEN WE MOVE.

FINE. WE WAIT TILL AFTER DARK.

KAWADA ?

.....

.....

SHIT!

WHAT IF THE INFIRMARY AREA GOES DANGER ZONE?! KAWADA?!

MANAGE TILL THEN?!

NOT ASKING TOO MUCH OF HER, ARE YOU?! WHAT IF SHE GETS EVEN WORSE?!

!!

STOP... YELL-ING...

YOU GOT THE RAP DOWN, HOW ABOUT BACKING IT UP WITH SOME ACTION?!

THIS HOW YOU WON LAST TIME? I GOT MINE, FUCK YOU?!

'KAY?

'M GOING TO BE OKAY... Y'LL SEE...

SHH ...

NORI...

I... I...

KAWADA... RIGHT... YOU ARE TOO LOUD...

SURE...
OKAY...

.....

PLEASE HELP HIM, SIR...

PLEASE ...

... BROTHER BEGGED ME TO BAKE UP A BATCH...

SUCH A LOOK, SHUUYA...

HUH...

FIND OTHERS... TRUST...

... NOT ALL OF US WILL PLAY...

... OTHERS WHO THINK THE SAME WAY...

... FOUND A GIRL I KINDA LIKE...

. GIRL I KINDA LIKE ..

.. THINK I FOUND

SHOULD HAVE BEEN NORIKO...

.....

I TRUST SHUUYA TO DO RIGHT...

... TRUST ...

ESPECIALLY HERE... NOW... GOT TO HAVE FAITH.

FAITH IN ONE ANOTHER'S INTENTIONS... ABILITY TO SEE THIS THROUGH...NO MATTER WHAT.

!!

I HAVE FAITH IN US...

'KAY...

.....

TO THE INFIRMARY. NOW.

EASY... WE'RE GOING.

!

!

THINK IT THROUGH, SHUUYA.

NOT SMART!

SHE TRUSTS ME TO DO THE RIGHT THING. THIS IS IT.

CONSIDER IT THOUGHT THROUGH.

.....

PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE MADE IT THIS FAR WITHOUT YOU, Y'KNOW? THAT COUNTS FOR SOMETHING.

YOU DO WHAT YOU THINK'S RIGHT. NO HARD FEELINGS. WE OWE YOU...

SO YOU DO WHAT YOU GOTTA DO. NO PRESSURE. NO GUILT.

.....

SHUUYA... DON'T... WE NEED HIM...

!

I'M GONNA DO WHAT I GOTTA DO. NO PRESSURE. NO GUILT.

WE COULD BE QUITE A TEAM...

WISH YOU'D RECONSIDER, THOUGH...

SERIOUSLY ...

I DON'T DO HERO.

TOLD YOU BEFORE... I DON'T DO STUPID.

NOTHING

NOTHING'S CHANGED, NANAHARA.

.....

I KNOW DIFFERENT. I'VE SEEN DIFFERENT.

YOU KEEP TELLING YOURSELF THAT

YOU SAVED MY LIFE, MAN.

!

.....

SERIOUSLY WISH YOU'D RECONSIDER

.....

BATTLE ROYALE CONTESTANTS

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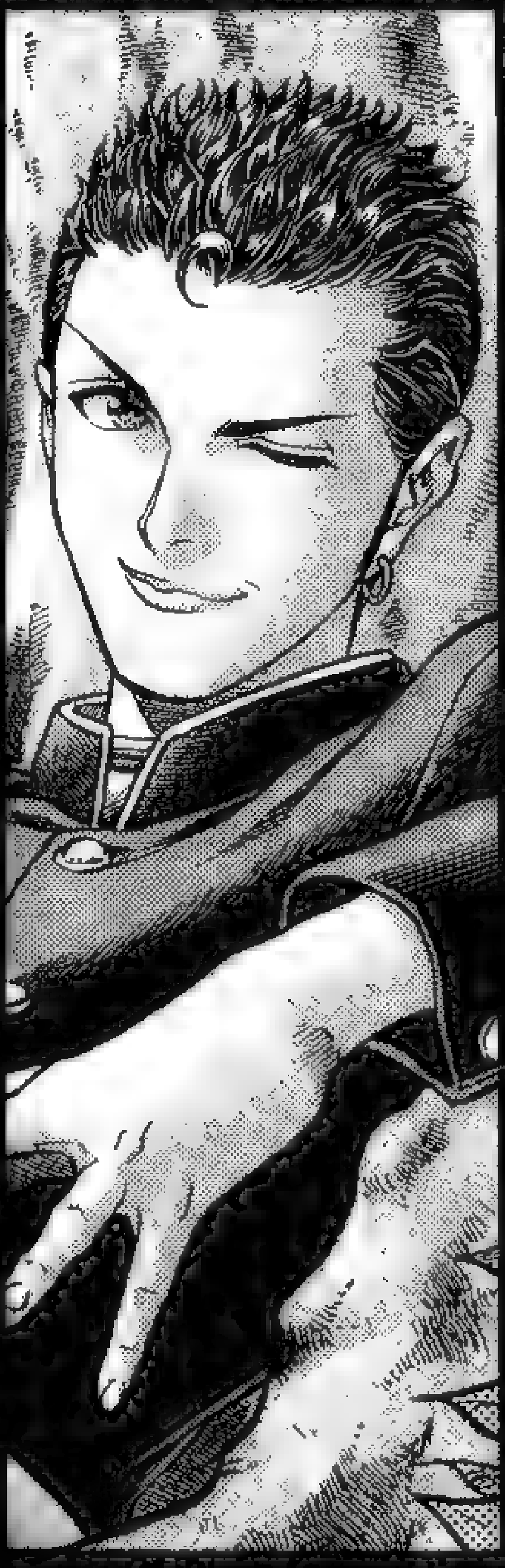

Shinji Mimura

HEIGHT: 172 cm (5 ft. 8 in.)

WEIGHT: 59 kg (130 lb.)

EXTRA CURRICULAR: Varsity basketball, yearbook

PRIMARY TALENTS: Innate athleticism, intuitive grasp of abstracts with regard to complicated situations

PRIMARY WEAKNESS: Anti-authority tendencies, megalomania, overactive libido

DESIGNATED WEAPON: Beretta M92F

PERTINENT BACKGROUND:
Athletically gifted; arguably the most physically fit of the current crop of contestants. Parents N/A. Patriarchal uncle (name withheld) exerted primary developmental influences (ref: Acts of Defiance / sub ref: rebellion / grass roots). Although sexually active, subject displays marked misogynistic tendencies.

CONCLUSION(s): Strong "bad boy" marketing potential regardless of survival.

NEXT WE HAVE

READY, SHOSO?

IT'S NAME IS DERIVED FROM ITS EARTH TONE MARKINGS...

BUT OF COURSE

AND...

ITS CRY WAS OFTEN MISTAKEN FOR THAT OF A LARGER B.F.D.

CHAPTER 29: The Right Answer

I SUPPOSE YOU KNEW ALL OF THIS ALREADY?

OH, LOOK AT YOU! MR. SMUG!

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THEN WHY--

ACTUALLY, ONCE I READ SOMETHING, IT TENDS TO STICK FOR A TIME.

ENOUGH TO PASS.

AND I'LL LIE, CHEAT AND OPENLY DECEIVE TO BE WITH YOU.

THE STUDY DATE? THAT'S MORE ABOUT YOU THAN ANY BIRD IN THAT BOOK. WHAT CAN I SAY? I LIKE YOUR COMPANY.

SHOGO! QUICKLY!

YOU'RE IMPOSSIBLE!

THAT'S.. UM...

!

RIGHT BACK...

THAT'S... USUALLY THE CASE.

.....

SHOGO? IS SOMETHING WRONG?

IS...

.....

.....

.....

RIGHT WITH YOU, DAD. WHAT WE GOT?

THAT'S ONE NASTY BURN.

AH... JEEZ...

WHAT? HYDRATED?

!!

WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM HYDRATED.

I'M OUT OF RINGER'S SOLUTION.

TWO TO ONE OUGHT TO DO IT.

MIX IN A BIT OF MILK.

!!

COCKTAIL? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY--

STANDARD COCKTAIL, NO EXTRAS, RIGHT?

I'M ON IT.

YOU THINK MY BABY'S PAIN IS FUNNY?!

YOU THINK THAT'S FUNNY?

HUH?!

!

OR YOU WANT IT ON THE ROCKS?

STRAIGHT UP?

TWO LACTIC ACID TO ONE RINGERS'

...

I'M CALLING AN AMBULANCE! AT LEAST THE ER NURSES ARE LICENSED FOR--

YOU'RE NOT A DOCTOR! YOU'RE JUST... JUST...

JUST WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

.....

DAMMIT, SHOGO!

SHOGO ...

THAT WAS UNCALLED FOR--

STOP BEING AN OBSTACLE!

YOUR BABY'S SUFFERING, LADY

.....

SHOGO! WHAT ARE YOU...

THERE WE GO...

HERE. BETTER?

OOPS ...

SHOULD YOU BE DOING THAT?

HEY!

SMOKING IN FRONT OF A CHILD?

YOU CAN CALL YOUR AMBULANCE NOW.

SUPPORT YOUR OWN DIRTY HABIT.

JUST THE ONE.

JUST THE ONE.

YOU MIND?

WILD!

.....

A' BETTER NOW... 'KAY?

♡

MAMA.

CALLS HIMSELF A DOCTOR...

HMPH ...

LIKE A NAME BRAND WOULD BREAK YOU?

JEEZ, DAD...

NO TOUCH POTS ON THE OVEN! NO TOUCH!

NEVER!

!

NO! NOT OKAY!

HOW MANY TIMES DOES MOMMA HAVE TO TELL YOU?

"D"..."..."

YOUR TURN TO SAY "SOWWY."

YOUR TURN, "MOMMA."

.....

SOWWY... I SOWWY...

I...

I...

DON'T YOU EVER WORRY MOMMA LIKE THAT AGAIN! EVER!!

!

KIDS ARE CURIOUS ABOUT ALL KINDS'A STUFF.

MOMMAS'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THERE TO SEE TO IT THAT CURIOSITY DOESN'T HURT. RIGHT?

KID THAT AGE... WHAT DOES HE UNDERSTAND ABOUT POTS OR BURNS OR WHATEVER?

THAT'S WHAT "MOMMA'S" THERE FOR...OR NOT, AS THE CASE MAY BE.

.....

BACK TO STUDYING THE BIRDIES?

.....

OKAY ...

IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, SHOGO!

IT'S NOT LIKE SHE WANTED IT TO HAPPEN! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!

WASN'T SHE UPSET ENOUGH WITHOUT YOU RUBBING HER FACE IN IT? SURE SHE WAS... CARELESS...

THAT WAS... WHY SO HARSH, SHOGO?

HUH?

THAT IS SO UNFAIR!

.....

CUTS AND BREAKS AND BURNS... ALL ACCIDENTS...

AND ALL PREVENTABLE IF "MOMMA'D" BEEN PAYING ATTENTION.

THAT'S JUST IT! THEY'RE ALL ACCI-DENTS!

IT'S MORE THAN JUST PHYSICALLY BEING THERE...

BEING THERE FOR SOME-ONE...

AND YET NEVER BE THERE TO UNDERSTAND WHY IT NEEDED DOING?! UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS INVOLVED?!

HOW CAN YOU ALWAYS BE THERE TO DO WHAT NEEDS DOING AND YET...

.....

DOING THE RIGHT THING... WHAT GOOD IS IT IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHY?

THERE'S EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AS WELL.

FEELINGS, SHOGO. PEOPLE HAVE FEELINGS.

I-I'M SORRY ...

I'VE GOT TO GO NOW...

C'MON... KEIKO?

KEIKO ?

WE'VE GOT TO TRUST ONE ANOTHER...

TRUST NOT...

I TRUST SHUUYA...

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT... TOGETHER WE CAN DO THIS... TRUST..

TRUST...

HOPE...

DO WHAT YOU GOTTA..

... SHUUYA... TO DO THE RIGHT THING..

WHAT GOOD IS IT IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHY?

DOING THE RIGHT THING... WHAT GOOD IS IT...

HF ...

HF ...

HF ...

HF ...

HF ...

HF ...

HF ...

HF ...

YOU TELL...TELL KAWADA...SORRY GOT...GOT SICK...

ALL'A TIME...GETTING SICK AT...WORST TIME T'...SICK...

SORRY... SHU...

!

FIRST YOU, THEN BACK TO KAWADA.

YOU WITH ME?

WE'LL SEE TO YOU, THEN YOU CAN TELL HIM YOURSELF. OKAY?

DON'T WORRY.

HEY, YOU GOT DOCTOR NANAHARA ON DUTY HERE.

DO YOU UP RIGHT!

RIGHT. LIKE YOU GOT A CHOICE BACK THERE.

LOOK... WE'RE GONNA BE FINE. YOU MOST OF ALL.

KAY ...

.....

NOT NOW !!

NOT NOW ...

NO...

P-KOW

BLAM

BLAM

BLAM

WHICH IDIOTS ARE PLAYING NOW?

WHO NOW? WHO'S AT IT THIS TIME?

CAN I JUST WALK AWAY?

DO I WALK AWAY OR... DAMN!!

DAMN!

YOU CAN'T SAVE EVERYONE!

DAMMIT! STAY FOCUSED ON NORIKO! SCREW 'EM!

TWO SETS OF SHOTS...

!!

WHAT IF SELF DEFENSE ...

RIGHT... LIKE YOU'VE SAVED ANYONE SO FAR...

... NOT... NOT SICK ENOUGH TO NOT KNOW...RIGHT THING TO...TO DO.

MAYBE FRIEND... MAYBE...

SHOOTING... WHAT IF... SOMEONE DEFENDING SELF... ATTACKED...

!

OR MAYBE... BOTH SCARED... NEED TO KNOW... LIKE...

LIKE OOO COUPLE... KNOW... OKAY NOT TO PLAY...

JUST... JUST A QUICK LOOK.

MAYBE ...

.....

MAYBE NOT ALONE, EH?

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK...

NOT TOO LOUD ...

CAREFUL, SHUUYA...

CARE-FUL ...

HF ...

HF ...

HF ...

HF ...

OKAY... NICE AND EASY NOW...

!

!!

FUCK!

MMM-MMM...

BESTEST EVER...

MMM-MM.

KILLED THE KITTY.

BAD POKING KITTY...

JUNYA KNOWS... MMM...

SHIT! GUN KICKS TOO HARD TO AIM! SHIT!!

HMN HMN

GODDAMN CRAZY-ASS BITCH!

NO MORE PIZZA FACE!

DIE DAMMIT! DIE!

I CAN'T BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING THIS!

GREAT... JUST GREAT!

THE CATFIGHT FROM HELL.

HM-HM

HMM

PLAY TO WIN! PLAY TO WIN!

DIE ALREADY!

SHIT!

PISSED OFF GIRLS WITH GUNS...

OKAY...

GIRLS WITH GUNS...

CHAPTER 30: Persuasion

WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT I SHOULD DO. WALK AWAY.

RIGHT ...

LIKE I CAME THIS FAR TO WALK AWAY.

GET BACK TO NORIKO. SEE TO HER SAFETY...

!!

...HM

UH...

AH!

KA-R-

.....

.....

NAMIKAZE

SHUNYA

WELL DAMN ALL...

.....

PLAYING IT THE WAY THEY WANT, ARE YOU?

HUH!

PLAYING THE GAME LIKE GOOD LITTLE GOVERNMENT PATSIES... THAT IT?

SHE TOOK FIRST SHOT!

WHAT? I'M SUPPOSED TO DUCK 'N COVER 'N ASK HER TO STOP?

UP YOURS, NANAHARA!

I DIDN'T ASK FOR THIS ANY MORE'N YOU DID!

!

.....

MMMM.

WHAT THE HELL, IT'S WORTH A TRY.

.....

NO MORE SHOOTING. NO KILLING. PLEASE.

PLEASE... STOP.

!!

ONLY THEY'RE SAYING IT HAS TO BE THIS WAY.

I'M SAYING IT'S NOT KILL OR BE KILLED. AND I'M NOT ALONE.

IT'S THE WAY THEY'VE SET IT UP THAT GETS TO YOU.

THE FEAR THEY INSTILL IN YOU.

YOU'RE NOT ALONE IN THIS.

THERE ARE OTHERS. NORIKO, KAWADA...

HUH ...

.....

YOU GUYS WERE HAVING AT IT...

THANK GOD YOU'RE BOTH CRAPPY AIMS.

YEAH... WELL... Y'KNOW...

I DON'T SEE ANYONE ELSE WITH YOU.

.....

!

...KAWADA KNOWS A WAY OUT OF THIS SHITTY GAME!

LISTEN TO ME...

SO... WE'RE JUST SUPPOSED TO TRUST YOU?

.....

!

NOT ALONE?

NOT ...

I'M NOT THE ONE PACKING HEAT.

WHY NOT?

.....

TOGETHER WE CAN GET PAST THIS. TOGETHER.

THAT'S RIGHT. NOT ALONE, KAORI.

GET OFF THIS GODDAMN ISLAND...

KICK BACK AND MELLOW OUT TO SOME JUNYA TUNES, EH?

SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN.

!

MAYBE... MAYBE WE CAN... ESCAPE?

BESTEST EVER...

KICK BACK WITH JUNYA...

CLK

JUNYA.

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KEEP THINKING THAT. JUNYA... RIGHT?

JUNYA. YES. JUST... JUST...

JUNYA. YES ...

GUESS I DO.

...YOU DO KNOW THAT, RIGHT?

YOU'RE CRAZY...

GOOD CRAZY... I CAN RELATE TO THAT.

YEAH... BUT GOOD CRAZY...

CRAZY'S ALWAYS BETTER WITH COMPANY.

GLAD TO HEAR IT.

You shot the kitty...

♡

The kitty...

ESCAPE, JUNYA... GONNA ESCAPE...

HNG

And when they find out? What then, pizza face?

♡

Shot it!

BUT STEPPING INTO THE MIDDLE OF A GUNFIGHT... GODDAMN, SHUUYA!

... SEEN SOME WAY STUPID MOVES...

YEAH... COMMON SENSE WAS NEVER MY STRONG POINT...

HIEEE!

!!

IT WAS A BAAAD KITTY...

!!

M.RONO!!

SHIT!

NOT GOOD!

JUNYA FORGIVES ME... JUNYA KNOWS...

A BAD POKING KITTY...

Play to win!

HIRONO!

HRG!

HIRONO! DON'T! WAIT!

DAMN!

!!

HIRONO! PLEASE!

?!

YOU SEE? YOU SEE? I MADE HER GO AWAY!

K-KAORI? YOU...YOU DON'T HAVE TO...UHH...

UM ...

BOYS ARE HARDER THOUGH... BOYS NEVER GO AWAY...

!!

BOYS JUST LOVE TO POKE!

Shoot the kitty!

JUST LIKE THE BAD POKING KITTY!

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TALK YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS, SHU...

GO ON... TELL HER HOW IT'LL ALL BE ALRIGHT...

NO!

HE NEVER SAID THAT! HE BELIEVED!

ALWAYS GOTTA BE PROVING A POINT, DON'T YOU?

LIKE ANYONE REALLY LISTENS!

WAY TO TAKE CARE OF NORIKO, HOT SHOT.

BELIEVED IN ME...

.....

... IN ME...

LIKE NORIKO ...

SHE BELIEVED ...

NORIKO... I'M SORRY... I REALLY FUCKED UP THIS TIME...

... FOR ALL THE GOOD IT DID HER...

NO MORE PIZZA FACE...

NO MORE, BOY...

BLAM

OH... YOU'RE WELCOME.

NO THANKS TO ANY EFFORT ON YOUR PART.

GA GUP

I...

I'M ...

I'M ALIVE ...

HERE I WAS, RID OF YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL...

WHY I BOTHER'S BEYOND ME...

AND WHAT DO I DO? GET AN ATTACK'A CONSCIENCE, THAT'S WHAT.

HUH...

DON'T "KAWADA" ME! WHAT MADE YOU THINK? LEAVING HER ALONE LIKE THAT SO YOU COULD RUN OFF AND GET YOURSELF KILLED!

KAWADA!

WE ARE HERE AND IN THE CLEAR.

.....

COOL ...

ALL CLEAR. ALL RIGHT!

Chapter 31: Everybody's Thoughts

THANK YOU.....

THAT OUGHT TO DO IT.

INFECTION OR NOT, THAT'LL DO.

RIGHT ...

KAWADA? I...

WE CAN BOIL THE WATER IF NEED BE.

GIVE HER ALL THE WATER SHE WANTS. THERE'S A WELL OUT BACK.

LET HER REST FOR NOW.

DON'T GO KEEPING HER UP, OKAY?

YEAH. ME TOO.

UM... SURE ..

I JUST... UM...

I WON'T ...

.....!

LIKE A BABY.

SHE SLEEP-ING?

!

HEY ...

!

WHERE DID YOU FIND RICE? AND A COOK-ER?!

JEEZ, KAWADA ...

.....

GET SOMETHING OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT ISSUE BREAD INTO HER.

AND HAPPY TO HAVE IT.

RICE. RIGHT.

RICE?

SSK

SSK

HUH ...

GOOD MOVE

FOR EXAMPLE... KAORI'S PIECE. NORIKO'S NOW... IF SHE'LL HAVE IT.

YOU'D BE SURPRISED WHAT TURNS UP.

SCROUNGE AROUND ENOUGH...

I... UH...

UH.. KAWADA ?

!

.....

KAFF

.....

HUH?

JUST REMEMBER I SHOT HER TO SAVE YOU.

OKAY... LET ME HAVE IT.

NO ONE HOME. I DID WHAT I HAD TO. DOESN'T MEAN I LIKED IT.

SHE WAS GONE, SHU. YOU SAW THE LOOK IN HER EYES UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL.

I THINK I OWE YOU AN APOLOGY.

I JUST ...

WH... NO! THAT'S NOT...

.....

I COULD NEVER HAVE DONE THAT... GIVEN HER THE SHOT... PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BLOWN AN AIR BUBBLE INTO HER HEART TRYING...

SHIT... I DRAGGED OFF NORIKO NEVER EVEN THINKING WHAT I'D DO ONCE WE GOT HERE.

YOU'VE BEEN RIGHT ABOUT...WELL... ABOUT EVERY-THING SO FAR... I TEND TO RUN ON EMOTION... NO NEWS THERE, EH?

"DICK" SUITS YOU. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

.....

I'VE BEEN KIND OF A DICK... SORRY.

!

I SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE CAREFUL.

.....

OKAY ... COOL ...

.....

BOTH?

I MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SAVE BOTH OF THEM!

I SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT THROUGH... DAMN!

GOOD CRAZY...

I CAN RELATE...

SHE GOT AWAY... TOOK A BULLET AND RAN... CAN'T SAY I BLAME HER.

SHE WAS THERE TOO.

HIRONO. ONE OF MITSUKO'S CREW.

AND KAORI... SHE...

TOOK A BULLET LISTENING TO ME SOUND OFF.

.....

SHE HAD DREAMS. BIG DREAMS... MOSTLY ABOUT THAT JUNYA SINGER... THE POP STAR...

JUNYA KANZAKI

WHAT GOOD IS DOING THE RIGHT THING...

.....

MAYBE IF I'D THOUGHT IT THROUGH...

TOO QUICK TO ACT. ALL IMPULSE, NO THOUGHT.

.....

I WAS TOO QUICK.

.....

KNOCK IT OFF.

THERE'S EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AS WELL. FEELINGS, SHOGO...

... IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE DOING IT?

BUT YOU..

DOESN'T MAKE ANYONE RIGHTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.

YOU DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO. WE ALL DO.

I CARE TOO LITTLE. YOU CARE TOO MUCH.

GUESS WE'RE BEST OFF MEETING EACH OTHER HALFWAY.

.....

HALFWAY SOUNDS GOOD.

REAL GOOD.

.....

THERE'S A LIMIT TO THE OL' SHOGO GENEROSITY.

DAMN WELL BETTER.

SWEE--

!

NO, NO... YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG ...

ONCE YOUR LITTLE SWEETIE'S UP AND ABOUT SHE'LL BE WANTING A SAY TOO.

HUH ...

MAYBE HALFWAY'S TOO FAR...

FIGURES... GUY'S ALWAYS THE LAST TO KNOW.

THAT A FACT?

SST

SSK

WE'RE JUST...IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT! NORIKO...

!

I THOUGHT YOSHI HAD A THING FOR HER.

YOSHITOKI. I...I THOUGHT...

.....

.....

GOT HIMSELF SHOT IN THE FACE... THAT KID?

YOSHITOKI ...

THE KID THAT WENT BUG FUCK BACK AT THE SCHOOL?

.....

.....

HEY SHIORI?

I THOUGHT IT WAS NORIKO.

SMALL WONDER HE HAD GIRL ISSUES...

HIS PARENTS DIVORCED... MOM DESERTED HIM. HE WAS MY BEST FRIEND.

GUESS HE OVERCAME THEM... FOUND A GIRL HE LIKED...

AND I THOUGHT IT WAS NORIKO HIS EYES? NEVER CROSSED MY FACE?

I THINK I FOUND A GIRL I LIKE.

SHE HAS BEEN NICE...

.....

BUT IT MAKES SENSE SHE WAS ALWAYS THERE FOR US

YOSHI LOVED THE ONLY WOMAN HE KNEW WOULD NEVER LEAVE.

SOME BEST FRIEND I AM, EH? COULDN'T EVEN PUT TWO AND TWO TOGETHER...

YOSHI-TOKI...

I TELL MYSELF IT'S BECAUSE IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN HER...

BUT... LOOK, LET'S KEEP THIS OUR LITTLE SECRET, OKAY?

ME? I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT THAT TILL WE'RE SAFELY OUT OF HERE.

.....

AND YOU?

SHE'S... SPECIAL.

.....

!

DON'T YOU THINK SO?

WHATEVER.

.....

: YEAH SHE'S BEEN SHOT AND AND

"ALL ABOUT LOOKS SECRETS WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT HER SO TOUGH"

: SHE WAS AMAZING

AS YOU JUST GOING TO LET HIM GET?

I HAVE FAITH IN YOU

THE FACT THAT SHE HASN'T COMPLETELY GONE TO PIECES

ALWAYS CATCHY SCIEN-TISTS

I MEAN SHE WAS FUCKING SHOT!

DOESN'T MATTER. IT MAKES SENSE TO ME. I NEED HER, KAWADA. I NEED THE SENSE OF...OF PURPOSE SHE GIVES ME. I NEED THE WAY SHE MAKES ME FEEL. THAT MOST OF ALL.

SHE'S...

SHE'S BECOMING A PART OF ME...DOES THAT MAKE SENSE?

MOST OF ALL...

.....

YOU'RE A LUCKY GUY, NANAHARA. DON'T BLOW IT

DON'T YOU DARE BLOW IT!

DON'T YOU DARE

SHUUYA ...

FLIP

YOU ARE LOSING IT, GIRL...

OKAY... SNIFFING HIS JACKET... NOT TOO WEIRD.

BUT HERE YOU ARE GETTING YOURSELF ALL WORKED UP OVER SOMETHING YOU OVERHEARD. ON PURPOSE!

YOU SHOULD BE SO FAR DOWN YOU'D HAVE TO REACH UP TO TIE YOUR SHOES.

YOU'VE BEEN SHOT, TAKEN SICK AND BEEN LUGGED AROUND LIKE A SACK OF POTATOES...

GET A GRIP! YOUR FRIENDS ARE STILL DYING OUT THERE!

EAVESDROPPING! WHAT'S NEXT? PEEKING AT THEM WHILE THEY SHOWER?

TALK ABOUT YOUR BAD TIMING. WAY TO GO, NORI!

THE PROGRAM IS STILL ON AND SHUUYA CARES...

THE PROGRAM IT'S STILL ON...

... AND ALL THE HORRIBLE THINGS IN THE WORLD...

I BET THIS HAPPENS ALL THE TIME. EVEN WITH WAR AND FAMINE...

BAD TIMING IS JUST...BAD TIMING.

NO. NO ONE ASKED FOR THIS.

... PEOPLE FIND ONE ANOTHER. PEOPLE LEARN TO CARE.

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……

HOW MANY GAMES HAVE YOU WITNESSED ?

DID FRIENDS COME TOGETHER?

OR WERE THEY LOST TO ONE ANOTHER?

DID THEY PLAY TO WIN...

... OR JUST TO SURVIVE?

DID ANY OF THEM LEARN TO CARE?

A CYBER INSURRECTION. WA-AY COOL!

TAKES A CERTAIN MINDSET TO COME UP WITH THIS.

STICK IT TO THE MAN AND MAKE IT FUN!

PRETTY FUCKING AWESOME!

WAY COOL!

WAY COOL, UNC!

GOT IT DOWN!

STRICTLY BUSH LEAGUE

THIS IS, AT BEST, HARASSMENT AN ANNOYANCE

HUH?

YOU THINK SO?

CHAPTER 32: Secret Weapon

STILL, YOU GOTTA ADMIT...IT'S TEMPTING.

RIGHT... GOTCHA...

TURN UP THE HEAT A BIT... MAKE THEM SWEAT...

GUERILLA WARFARE, UNC. HEY, IT'S ALL THE RAGE, DONTCHA KNOW?

BASTARDS ARE LOCKED DOWN TIGHT.

NOTHING ..

TAKKA TAKKA

CAN YOU FIX IT UP AGAIN?

IS IT GONNA BE...

SO I NEED QUIET. ESPECIALLY OVER HERE.

BUT QUIETLY. I'VE GOT TO CONCENTRATE ON THIS.

HM..

WHAT'S WITH THE FINGER?

?

I NEED YOU TO KEEP AN EYE OUT WHILE I WORK THIS. OKAY?

OKAY... NEW PLAN. HERE'S WHAT I NEED...

WHA WHA

!!

NO TALKING! HERE'S HOW THEY FOUND OUT I WAS HACKING INTO THEIR SYSTEM...

TAK TAK

RIGHT... JUST PLAY ALONG...

?

?

PROBABLY THE COLLARS NO. DEFINITELY THE COLLARS

?

IT FIGURES THE PROGRAM WOULD HAVE AN AUDIO UPLINK.

...THEY CAN HEAR US. MY BAD.

TAK TAK

NO WAY THEIR SYSTEM COULD HAVE PICKED UP THE "WORM."

WE'RE WIRED FOR SOUND SO, FROM NOW ON, YOU WRITE IT OUT IF YOU DON'T WANT IT HEARD.

FILE MISS-ING THAT UNDER 'TOO STUPID TO LIVE'.

?

SHIT!

WIRED FOR SOUND?

WIRED?

IT WAS OJR MISTAKE. WE BOTH MISSED IT.

COJLD YOJ POSSIBLY BE A BIGGER DORK?

TAKKA TAKKA

If it wasn't for me, it would have worked

They heard because you had to explain to me

!!

BESIDES ... IT AIN'T OVER YET.

TAK TAK

WE'VE JUST GOT TO BE MORE CAREFLL.

LE'RE A TEAM, REMEMBER?

TAK TAK

UNFOR-TUNATELY, IT'S A MUCH RISKIER PLAN.

I MEANT IT WHEN I SAID I HAD A NEW PLAN.

YOU UP FOR TILTING AT A FEW WIND-MILLS?

THAT'S MY MAN!

TAKKA

Bring it on!

無る!!

SN? SN?

NO BUILDING, NO COMPUTERS. NO COMPUTERS, NO COLLARS. NO COLLARS, "ALL FREE."

MAIN-LAND'S CLOSE ENOUGH. A JURY-RIGGED RAFT OUGHT TO DO IT.

TAKE THEM ALL OUT AT ONCE. A BIG ENOUGH BANG OUGHT TO DO IT.

IN A NUT-SHELL... WE DESTROY THE ENTIRE SCHOOL BUILD-ING.

!

TAKKA

TAK

?

Besides, the school's in a Danger Zone! Always!

You call that a plan?! Blow up the school? Just like that?

RIGHT HERE...

WH..

WONDERFUL HE'S FLIPPED HIS LID

THIS LITTLE MON-EY'LL GET IT DONE'

CHECK IT OUT.

OUR SECRET WEAPON'

HAJIME MIMURA FUNERAL SERVICE

...ACCIDENT. FAULTY WIRING, THEY SAY...

HOW AWFUL ...

... TRAGEDY. AND SO YOUNG...

SHINJI... OH, PLEASE DON'T...

SHINJI?

NO

NEWS FLASH, PEONS. THIS WAS NO ACCIDENT. BELIEVE IT!

IT APPEARS WE HAVE A SLIGHT CREDIBILITY PROBLEM HERE.

OH YEAH...

.....

NO!

I FORB D THIS!

.....

WAY TO GO, UNCLE...

THAT'S A JOKE, M'MAN.

SAVES ME THE TROUBLE OF DIGGING HIM UP LATER.

WHAT IS THIS?!

HUH!

UH ..

IT DOESN'T END HERE.

OKAY ...

.....

AI-YAH!

SHINJI !

!

GOT THE WILL, GOT THE WAY, GOT THE NEED TO SEE IT THROUGH! BET ON IT!

YOU TAUGHT ME WELL, UNCLE. MAYBE TOO WELL.

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PING

!

PING

I TAKE IT YOU'VE NEVER MET MY MOM.

SURE HE [illegible] GOT AT [illegible] MAMA?

[illegible] HE SAID A [illegible]

HE HAD A THING FOR STRONG WOMEN.

HUH...YOU LOOK ABOUT RIGHT. DROP DEAD GORGEOUS WITH ATTITUDE.

Y'KNOW... PROMISE TO TRY TO TALK ME OUT OF IT IF HE...IF HE...

I MEAN, JUST IN CASE HE MADE YOU PROMISE...

HH! HH!

IN CASE YOU WERE WONDER-ING.

CARRY ON THE FIGHT IN HIS NAME.

I'M GONNA HONOR HIM...

HE SAID THAT?

HE WAS RIGHT ABOUT YOU... IT'S ALL SUPERFICIAL.

DOES IT MATTER?

NOTHING LIKE THAT.

.....

JEEZ... WHY'D HE KEEP A LOOKER LIKE YOU A SECRET?

OKAY ...

THAT YOU'D NEVER KNOW LOVE FROM THE HEART, ONLY LUST FROM THE LOINS.

HIS WORDS, NOT MINE.

.....

HE WORRIED THAT YOU'D FALL INTO YOUR FATHER'S WAYS.

WHAT KIND OF GIRL WOULD MELT THE ICE THAT COVERS YOUR HEART?

...WHEN WOULD IT MATTER TO YOU?

HE WONDERED ...

YEAH ...

SOUNDS LIKE HIM...

SOUNDS JUST LIKE HIM.

.....

YEAH ..

.....

AND CONQUEST'S OFTEN MESSY AFTERMATH.

HIS WORDS AGAIN. HE WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT THERE IS MORE TO LIFE THAN CONQUEST...

I GUESS

PART OF HIS CHARM, DON'T YOU THINK?

HE... WORRIED TOO MUCH ...

CHK

YOU ONLY USE IT WHEN THINGS GET... UGLY.

HE WANTED YOU TO HAVE IT.

THIS IS YOURS

OKAY. I'LL BITE. WHAT IS IT?

HE MEANT TO

.....

SHELL

.....

IF YOU PAID ATTEN-TION

YOU WILL IF HE TAUGHT YOU RIGHT..

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO FIGURE--

ME?

HE SAID YOU'D FIGURE IT OUT

I DONT KNOW.

!

ARE YOU SURE?

WAIT!

HAVE A GOOD LIFE, M.M.

THE REST IS UP TO YOU. DO AS YOU SEE FIT.

I'VE DONE MY PART.

THAT'S NOT FOR ME TO DECIDE.

Y'KNOW... BETTER QUALIFIED 'N LIKE THAT.

ARE YOU SURE I'M MEANT TO HAVE TH.S? THERE MUST BE OTHERS...

A- AUNT?

YOU HAVE NO IDEA, MIM. NO IDEA AT ALL.

TOO MANY SECRETS ?

AS I SEE FIT...

SURPRISED? YOU SHOULDN'T BE.

DID YOU THINK HE WOULD ENDANGER ME BY BROAD- CASTING MY EXISTENCE?

IT'S THE POLICE HE SAY. MAN IT'S WHY HE LOVE FROM THE HEAT

HAS ENGLISH HE HAS FAMILY THE CONVENT KNEW OF.

FROM THE HEART

AN EMOTION SET WHAT A SEVERE

SEVERE ENOUGH TO SET OFF MOST ANYTHING THERE IS TO SET

SCHOOL GO BYE-BYE. NOT TOO SHABBY, EH?

WE FIND THE RIGHT INGREDI-ENTS AND BA-BOOM!

TAK TAK

TRUST ME. IT'LL COME TO ME.

AND WHEN IT DOES, WE GONNA GET US SOME PAY-BACK.

ROME WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY.

I'M WORK-ING ON THAT.

TAK TAK

How do we get close enough?

The school is a constant Danger Zone!

BIG TIME PAYBACK.

TK

SHOULD HAVE USED IT...

I WOULDN'T MAKE IT ANY OTHER WAY, UNCLE.

SHOULD HAVE USED IT WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE

DEDICATE IT TO YOU AND YOUR FINE LADY. MAKE SURE THEY KNOW WHO IT'S COMING FROM. CAIN STRAIGHT!

NOT THAT I'M COMPLAINING. I'LL MAKE MIGHTY FINE USE OF IT, THANKS FOR ASKING.

To Be Continued...

SHIRO IWA Junior High School - Grade 9/Class B - Student Roster

Boys: 21 - Girls: 21 - Total: 42

15: Noriko Nakagawa

8: Kayoko Kotohiki

1: Mizuho Inada

15: Shuuya Nanahara

8: Yoji Kuramoto

1: Yoshio Akamatsu

16: Yuka Nakagawa

9: Yuko Sakaki

2: Yukio Utsumi

16: Kazushi Niida

9: Hiroshi Kuronaga

2: Keita Iijima

17: Satomi Noda

10: Hirono Shimizu

3: Megumi Etou

17: Mitsuru Numai

10: Ryuhei Sasagawa

3: Tatsumichi Ooki

18: Fumiyo Fujiyoshi

11: Mitsuko Souma

4: Sakura Ogawa

18: Tadakatsu Hatagami

11: Hiroki Sugimura

4: Toshinori Oda

19: Chisato Matsui

12: Haruka Tanizawa

5: Izumi Kanai

19: Shinji Mimura

12: Yutaka Sato

5: Shogo Kawada

20: Kaori Minami

13: Takako Chigusa

6: Yukiko Kitano

20: Kyoichi Motobuchi

13: Yuichiro Takiguchi

6: Kazuo Kiriyama

21: Yoshimi Yahagi

14: Mayumi Tendo

7: Yumiko Kusaka

21: Kazuhiko Yamamoto

14: Sho Tsukioka

7: Yoshitoki Kuninobu

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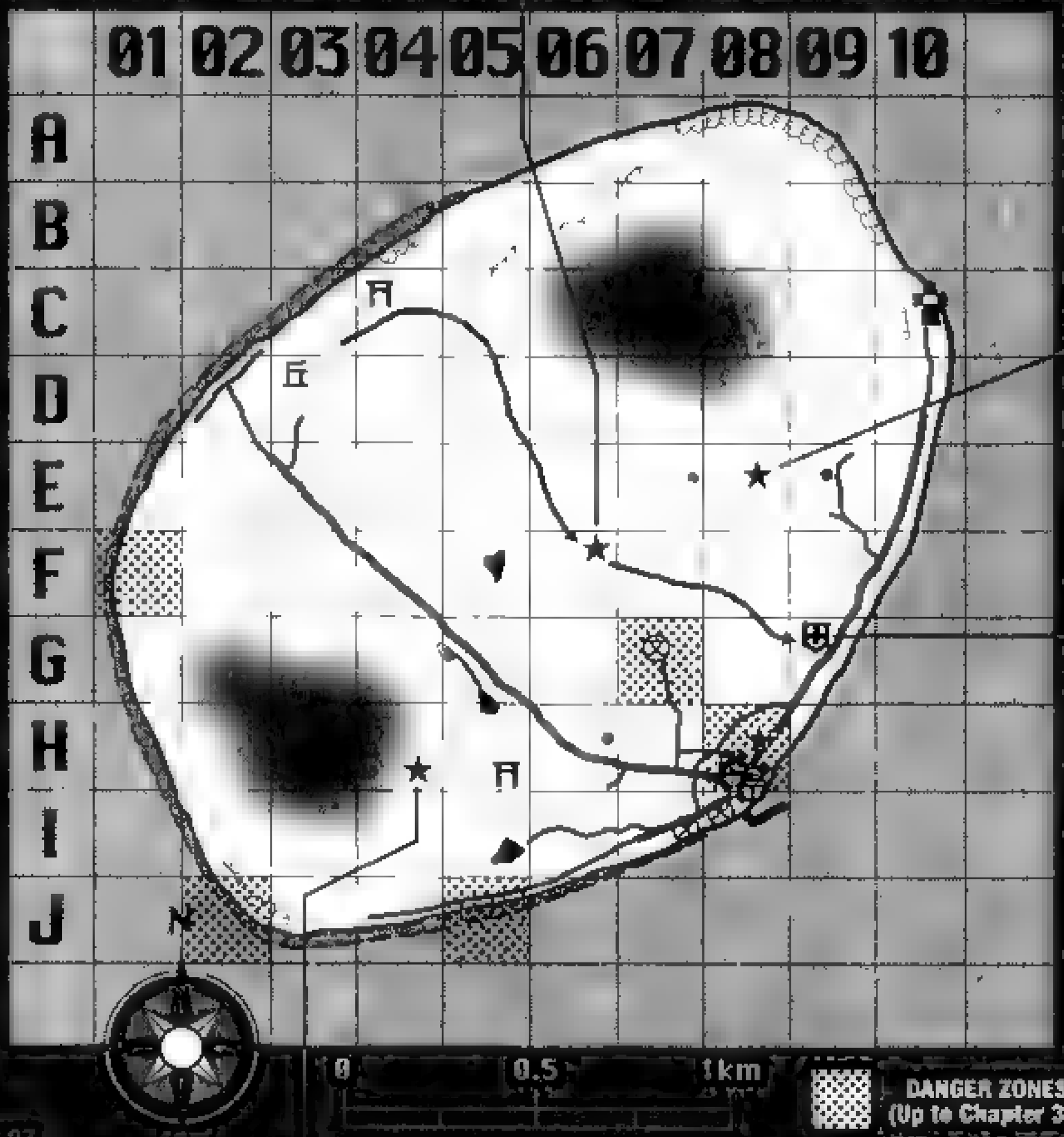
CHAPTER 30

Kaori Minami shoots Hirono Shimizu.

CHAPTER 32

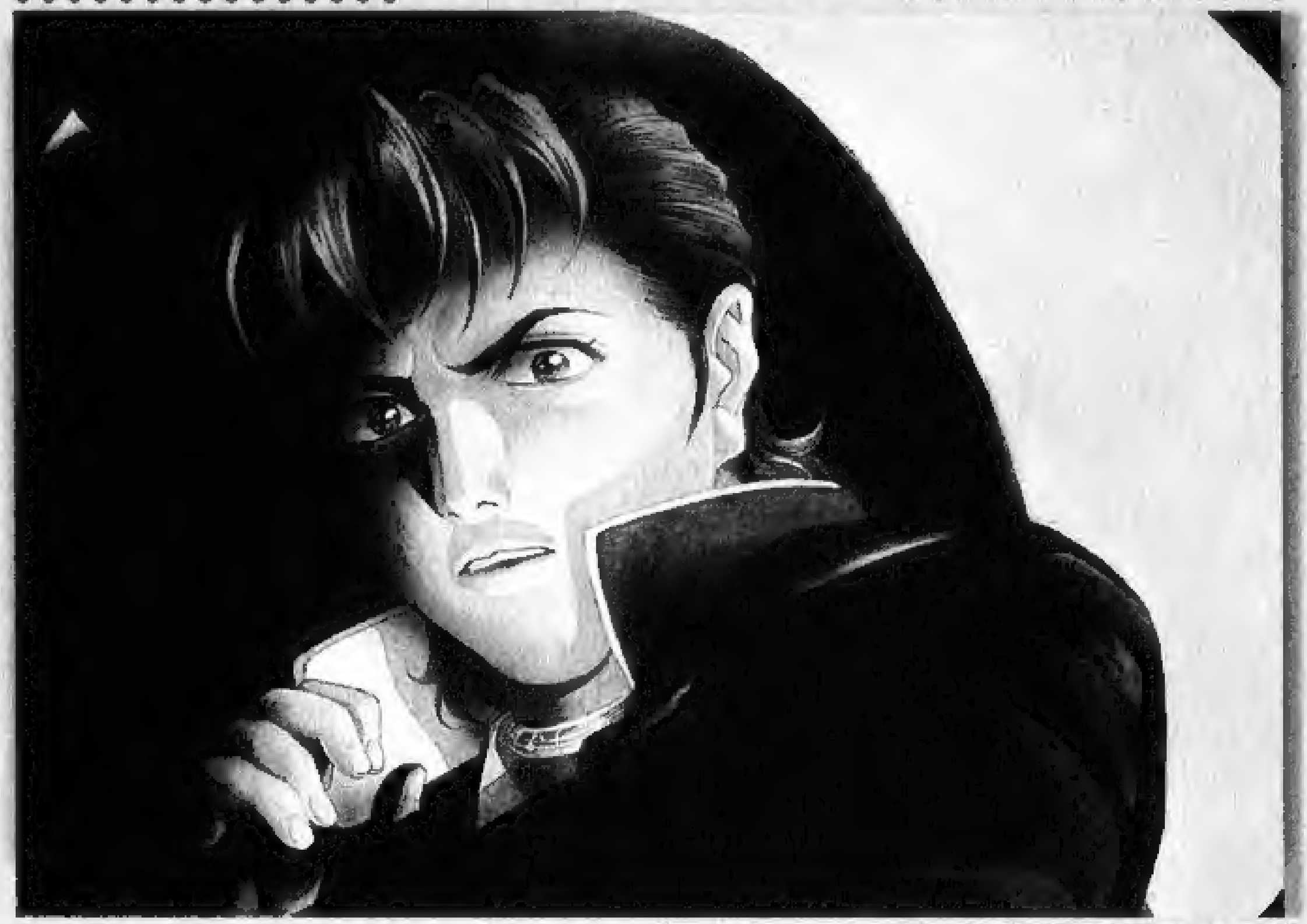
Mimura and Yutaka form a new plan.



CHAPTER 27

Hiroki Sugimura finds Takako Chigusa.

Shuuya and Shogo care for Noriko.



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